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August 04, 2022

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE DIVISIONANSELMO ESPITIA, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:21-CV-123

FINAL JUDGMENT

In accordance with the Court's Order and Opinion (Doc. 20) granting Plaintiffs Anselmo Espitia, his minor and custodial children M.E. and J.E., Ninfa Espitia, and Breanna Espitia's Motion for Default Judgment, Final Judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiffs as to all of their causes of action against Defendant Islamic Republic of Iran. Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Plaintiff Anselmo Espitia shall recover \$5 million in compensatory damages and \$25 million in punitive damages on his cause of action pursuant to the state-sponsored terrorism exception to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1605A; and


ORDERED that this Final Judgment shall bear post-judgment interest at the statutory rate of 2.94% per annum from June 16, 2022, until it is paid in full, for all of which execution shall issue.¹

All other relief not expressly granted is denied.

Each party shall be responsible for its own fees and costs.²

The Clerk of Court is directed to close this matter.

Signed on August 4, 2022.


Fernando Rodriguez, Jr.
United States District Judge

¹ See 28 U.S.C. § 1961. "An award of post-judgment interest under this statute is mandatory, not discretionary." *Selig v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, No. 1:19-CV-02889-TNM, 2021 WL 5446870, at *26 (D.D.C. Nov. 22, 2021) (internal citations omitted).

² The Court in its discretion declines to award pre-judgment interest. See, e.g., *Oldham v. Korean Air Lines Co.*, 127 F.3d 43, 54 (D.C. Cir. 1997) (quoting *Motion Picture Ass'n of Amer. v. Oman*, 969 F.2d 1154, 1157 (D.C. Cir. 1992)) (explaining that the decision whether to award prejudgment interest rests within the "discretion of the court [subject to] equitable considerations").